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TOPIC Changes in the Status of Soviet Zone Locomotive Columns 25X1

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REMARKS

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1. A tabulation listed all locomotive 25X1

columns, distinguishing between those stationed at Frankfurt/Oder and those kept cold as serviceable reserves at various railroad stations. (1)

2. the locomotives kept in Strasburg and 25X1

Blumenhagen were re-examined and showed virtually no improvement in their mechanical condition since the last check. The condition of the feeding and oil tubes under the cowlings was especially poor. Locomotives were newly stored in Blumenhagen. They were poorly preserved. Fifteen brigade cabooses in bad condition were stored in Strasburg. (2) 25X1C

3. the locomotives stored in Ducherow required repair on clutch cases and smoke box supporters. Repair work was handicapped by the shortage of labor. (3) 25X1

4. it was also determined that the mechanical condition of the locomotives stored at the Ruednitz railroad station had substantially improved since the last check. Only the smoke boxes still needed repairs. Only eight men were available for the maintenance of the locomotives in Ruednitz. (4) The locomotives stored in Beeskow were in a particularly good condition. (5) 25X1

5. The column locomotives stationed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad repair shop, which had been increasingly employed after 22 June 1951, had almost entirely returned so that operations were normal again. (6) 25X1

6. Fifteen locomotives were furnished by the Berlin railroad district for the Evangelischer Kirchentag (Day of the Protestant Church). Some of them were taken from the column locomotives stored at Blumenhagen. (7) Twenty-eight locomotives were reassigned from Ruednitz to the Dresden railroad district to haul special trains. (4)

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[redacted] it was learned at the Berlin railroad district headquarters that Locomotive Columns [redacted] were in operation in Frankfurt/Oder. (1) The last locomotive or [redacted] which was still in Ruednitz departed toward Dresden [redacted] (4) Locomotive [redacted] in [redacted] Ducherow was still there [redacted] Its locomotives were marked "Bw Frankfurt/O Verschiebebahnhof" (Railroad Repair Shop Frankfurt/Oder Marshaling Yard). (3)

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[redacted] Comments.

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1 Annex: One tabulation.~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~SECRET-CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~

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